

FISSURE RUNS ACROSS CEILING

Detailed Account of Horror Scene By Florida Legislator

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—An avalanche of broken plaster, bricks, snow, splintered wood and twisted steel beams catapulting on the audience while the orchestra played and a comedy film ground out, is the description of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster given by Representative John H. Smithwick, of Pensacola, Fla. He was in the balcony when the roof collapsed under its weight of snow and escaped unharmed—just how, he cannot recall—with more or less serious hurt.

"The orchestra was playing music and a comic film was running," he said in his bed, bandaged and with his face and hands covered with cuts. "Suddenly there was a sharp crash. I saw a great fissure running across the ceiling, right over my head. The plaster began to fall, all over the theatre. It seemed to me, while I was looking up a great piece right over my head, started to fall. I ducked, crouching, involuntarily. I suppose down between the seats. The piece struck the seat where I had been sitting. The force of the broken by the seat, but it pinned me down."

SHRIERS AND ROAR.
"The noise was awful. It was a great roar. It was simply indescribable. I never can forget it. In the midst of the roaring were shrieks and cries of women and children and a few shouts of men. There were cries for help, groans and wails of all the means of the terrible pain. It was awful. I can't describe it. I see it all the time, those poor children and men and women crying and groaning."

"There were only a few of us in the balcony. Luckily, there weren't more. The balcony gave way and crashed, soon after the ceiling began to fall, onto those on the lower floor. They were caught the worse."

"I guess there was a lapse of maybe 20 seconds, hardly more, before the balcony fell. Funny, but it kind of waited, as its supports gave way and it swung down on those below. It didn't go straight down, just kind of sideways and slanting."

"I don't know how I got out from where I was crouching under that chunk of plaster. I really believe it weighed 500 pounds. And I think I moved that plaster with my shoulders. Anyway, I crawled out between the seats to where I saw a small hole in the plaster above. I forced myself up through that hole. Then I crawled out over the snow and plaster, over the tangled debris, to the doors on the eighteenth street side."

FALLS IN PIECES.
"Across the aisle when the crash came was a little fellow—I never saw him again and I wonder if he is dead—who laughed and roared at every especially funny part of the film. I don't know what became of him or the others in the balcony."

"The plaster fell first, in chunks. It was just like an ice pond breaking up. The roof didn't give way on one crash. It seemed to break up everywhere. That let in the snow."

"It's queer, but I was conscious all the time when the roof came down by that great piece of ceiling. My mind, when I saw the ceiling falling and afterward, was just as clear and collected as now. I knew I was hurt, some, but I didn't know how badly. It seemed my time had come. I lived a year pinned down between the seats."

THOUGHT OF FAMILY.
"It wasn't until I got out that I noticed blood falling from my face and hands. I got out myself. No one helped me. I crawled over the broken seats and plaster and snow to the door. On the way I saw a young fellow lying flat curled up moaning and crying for help. I leaned over to lift him and then everything went black. The next I remember I was at the door, wiping the blood from my eyes and mouth. I don't know how I got out. I didn't see any other injured ones as I crawled. I can't remember about that part of it."

STAYED HOME.
Representative Smithwick, who lives about a block away, said he staggered home without overcoat or hat through the snow. Physicians found him suffering from shock, bruises and possible internal injuries."

"I think it was a miracle that I came out alive. I don't think of the poor children and men and women who were under that balcony escaped. If they had been caught under the ceiling breaking they would have had time to rush out through the doors. Those underneath us had no chance. I guess, I keep thinking of it all the time, that awful roaring and the crashing of the balcony on its way down to those people below. It was all over in a minute, I guess, but it seemed hours."

PICKFORD CASE UNDER REVIEW
CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 30.—Oral arguments on a motion by Attorney General Leonard B. Fowler to have the divorce of Mary Pickford from Owen E. Moore dissolved as illegal, were made here today before the state supreme court by Fowler and by Miss Pickford's attorney, Gavin McNab, of San Francisco.

Briefs have been submitted by both sides and a decision by the court is the next and final step in the case. Fowler attacked the divorce, which was granted by Judge Frank P. Langan in the district court at Minden, March 2, 1920, "in the interest of the state of Nevada" on the ground that Moore and Miss Pickford were guilty of fraud and collusion and that Judge Langan had no jurisdiction since the parties were bona fide residents of Los Angeles. He declared the courts of many states had held the state to be a third party in divorce cases.

McNab replied that the attorney general could not have appeared in the divorce trial on the side of either plaintiff or defendant nor as an important independent intervenor and that the district court's judgment was irrevocably final, since neither party in the divorce had ever appealed.

Meet me "Just Around the Corner" Wednesday evening.

VISIT PAID TO N. DAVIS STAKE

Ward Teachers Committee of Weber Organization Goes to Kaysville

The ward teachers committee of the Weber stake high council visited the monthly priesthood and auxiliary association officers meeting of the North Davis stake at Kaysville, Sunday afternoon. The meeting was attended by about 400 workers of the North Davis stake and was held in the Kaysville tabernacle.

President Henry H. Blood expressed appreciation at the visit of the committee from a neighboring stake. The purpose of the visit was to confer with the stake officials on matters pertaining to ward teaching with a view of developing that important branch of the church work.

Each member of the visiting committee was given an opportunity to deliver brief addresses in which the importance of ward teaching was emphasized. The committee is composed of George Shorten, chairman, C. J. A. Lindquist, Alfred Gladwell, Martin Dalebout and Hyrum A. Shupe.

Following the general assembly the committee met in special session with the stake officers and bishops and ward teachers when improved methods for ward teaching were presented and discussed. An invitation to the ward teachers committee of the North Davis stake to attend a stake priesthood meeting of the Weber stake in Ogden at an early date, was accepted.

COAST SHIVERS AS SNOW FALLS

Cold North Wind Brings Flurries as Far South as Los Angeles

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—California Sunday received the most widespread snowfall in many years. A cold north wind whipping in off the ocean and down over the northern mountains into the valleys brought rain that turned to snow in many localities, some of which had not had so heavy a fall in 30 years. Los Angeles and other southern points, and San Francisco alike shared flurries of fat flakes.

Around San Francisco the fall was the first in six years and varied from a trace in San Francisco proper to two or three inches in parts of Berkeley and Oakland. There were three inches or more on the hillside around San Rafael, Mill Valley and Mount Tamalpais. The mountain itself had a heavier fall Saturday.

At San Mateo and other points on the San Francisco peninsula in San Mateo county snow was reported, while at Moss Beach there was a heavy fall. Several inches fell at Vallejo and telephone and telegraph wires entering the town were out of commission for some hours.

CHILDREN HAVE FUN.
Snow on the streets of Modesto, that never before had sported them. Automobiles loaded their running boards with snow and took it home as they drove. Many children living where the white flakes met as they touched the ground built snow men just the same.

Visitors and residents engaged in snow battles in the streets of Modesto where there was a two-inch fall, also the first in six years. Some of the flakes there were an inch in diameter.

Benicia, on the San Francisco bay, reported two feet of snow had fallen Sunday, carrying down telephone and telegraph lines and interfering with railroad service. The city government station at Yerba Buena Island by breaking the control wires leading to its sending arc at Mare Island navy yard.

At Vallejo three inches of snow fell in two hours.

In southern California the wind was heavy but elsewhere it was light. Off Los Angeles harbor the pilot boat Hooper was capsized and one man drowned.

LOS ANGELES SHIVERS.
While there was a general rain in northern California, there was point in the south that it did not strike. Los Angeles had a few flurries of flakes; elsewhere reported enough to whiten the ground and San Bernardino had the heaviest since 1882, varying from one to three inches, according to location. Snow flakes were held in the streets.

In the valleys around Los Angeles the fall was general. A foot fell at Mount Wilson, near Pasadena, and an equal fall at several points in the automobile travel through Cajon Pass.

Stockton, with a three-inch fall, had its first snow since 1916 and youngsters made it their game to dig out of their never had seen snow before.

The weather bureau forecast is for continued cold weather.

CAPITAL HASTENS DIGGING.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The center of a storm which flung a deep blanket of snow over the entire middle Atlantic section of the country Friday and Saturday, Washington was still digging itself out of more than two feet of it today with the process of returning to normal ways of living exceedingly slow. But the capital city had the assurance that the weather bureau that the storm was moving safely seaward today.

With Sunday passed, Washington hastened its efforts today to clear away the storm impediment, restore an almost totally lost contact with suburbs and to the street car routes, which have been resumed in some instances Sunday, and insure some approach toward dependability in the delivery of milk, bread and other necessities.

SCHOOLS CLOSED.
BALTIMORE, Jan. 30.—Baltimore and its suburbs today were slowly digging themselves free of the two days' snow blockade. The railroads reported a return to nearly normal conditions Sunday and the ice in the bay had thinned enough to allow a partial resumption of navigation.

The public schools were ordered closed until Wednesday, awaiting a complete return of street car service.

Snow fell continuously from 7 p. m. Friday, to 6 a. m. Sunday, with a total precipitation of 26.5 inches. Only one life was reported lost due to the storm.

POLICE OFFICER LAIN AT REST

THEATRE DEATH TOLL GROWING



JOSEPH S. McLEAN

The funeral of Joseph S. McLean, Ogden detective, was held yesterday afternoon from the Kirkendall mortuary at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the City cemetery. A large number of friends from all walks of life as well as a number of police officials from Salt Lake attended. Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Elks lodge and the Ogden police department acted as pall bearers.

Rev. John W. Hyslop, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd of Ogden, conducted the services at the chapel and the ritualistic services at the grave were under the auspices of the local Knights of Pythias lodge.

Captain J. Roy Ward, city commissioner and head of the police safety department, spoke on the patriotism of McLean, who, after being unable to enlist in the United States army went to Canada and joined the Canadian artillery with which he served for two years. He also spoke of his services in the Boer war.

William Armstrong, of Salt Lake, who had known McLean for many years in Australia spoke of the characteristics that had endeared him to his many friends.

The pallbearers were Roy Madson, George Wardlaw and Richard R. Woolsten, representing the Elks lodge and the police department and Lester L. Perry, L. M. Meld and C. Henry Turner of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Chief of Detectives Riley M. Beckstead, Captain of Detectives John B. Burbridge, Detective Sergeant B. H. Seeger, Motor Detective James E. Woodward, Motor Patrolman J. V. Lardner and Detective J. B. Smith, were present as representatives of the Salt Lake police force.

ACTRESS STILL RETAINS SMILE

With Broken Spine and Skull Fractures She Fights Off Death

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Miss Mary Moore, actress who has been fighting death with cheerfulness and the determination of youth since she received a broken spine and three fractures of the skull in an automobile accident two months ago, Sunday returned, a convalescent, to her home.

In a farm house at Babylon, Long Island, where she was taken after an accident on last November 19, Miss Moore was told by surgeons that she could not live. She laughed and said: "No pessimism! I'll live to be an old lady."

She was placed in a plaster cast and removed to the Broad street hospital. Her smiles and determination to live administered to her by her friends. Noted surgeons came to see her among them Dr. Adolf Lorenz, of Vienna. She laughed and passed pleasant hours with him. He told her she was the luckiest girl he ever had seen.

After that meeting Miss Moore improved rapidly. She arranged Saturday with her brother to surprise her folks and was carried into her home Sunday morning at breakfast time.

"Home at last," she remarked as she was carried into the house.

CHARGES AGAINST NOMINEE DROPPED

SEVENTY ARRESTED IN OMAHA CLEANUP

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 30.—More than 70 persons were under arrest here Sunday, according to the police, following orders of Police Commissioner Henry Dunn to "clean up Omaha."

The police began early in the evening arresting persons for vagrancy and raiding alleged disorderly houses. Too many robberies and holdups were the reason assigned for issuing the order, police say.

DR. C. BASKERVILLE, NOTED CHEMIST, DIES
NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Dr. Charles Baskerville, 52, internationally known chemist, died here today of a cerebral hemorrhage at the College of the City of New York, he died here. He was known as the discoverer of the chemical elements, cerium and cerium, and had published many works on chemistry.

MILITARY PATROLS IN NEBRASKA CITY
NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 30.—Military motor patrols were on duty to preserve order this morning as packing plant workers went to their tasks in Nebraska City, parts of which were declared under martial law Saturday by Governor McNeil following an outbreak of disorder last week as the result of the strike in the packing industry.

SOME OF VICTIMS DISPLAY GREAT HEROISM; GIRLS FOUND ASLEEP

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Frelinghuysen, Republican, New Jersey, said the investigation should be a "wide-spread one of entire district government," adding that he knew from personal knowledge that many buildings in Washington were "fire-traps" which might at any time cost scores of lives.

The body of Mr. Eldredge, which was crushed beyond recognition by a falling iron beam, was identified this morning by Francis G. Matson, deputy internal revenue commissioner, by papers found in the pockets. It was taken to the morgue established at the Christian Scientist church a half block away and Senator Smoot was notified.

Mr. Smoot confirmed the identity of the body as that of his wife's brother and had it removed to his home. It will be sent to Salt Lake for burial. Mr. Matson also identified the body of Mr. Strayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge came to Washington about six months ago, when Mr. Eldredge assumed the duties of an important position in the government bureau of efficiency. In addition to his duties with the government, he was organizer at St. Margaret's church.

Mr. Sammon was the son of a Kerner attorney. His body was taken in charge by Representative Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, and will be sent to Kemer for interment.

There are about 20 Utahs living in the vicinity of the Knickerbocker theatre, but a canvass of them showed that all have been accounted for.

Guy Sunderlin Eldredge, 39 years of age, who was killed in the collapse of the Knickerbocker theatre in Washington, and whose wife is reported to have been seriously injured and now in a hospital with both hips broken, was the son of the late Horace S. and Chlois A. Redfield Eldredge, pioneer residents of Salt Lake. He graduated from the local high school and later from Columbia university.

Leaving his home here at an early age, he went to Tacoma, Wash., where he engaged in the lumber business, and later to San Francisco, and the east, having been recently appointed to a government post in Washington.

He was the brother of Mrs. W. J. Bateman, 427 Second avenue, and Ben R. Eldredge, R. F. D. No. 3 Murray, and uncle of J. B. Eldredge, R. F. D. No. 1 North Wolcott avenue, Salt Lake, and brother of the wife of Senator Reed Smoot. Besides these, he is survived by his widow, who was Miss Elizabeth Shores, to whom he was married in 1904 at Duluth, Minn., and five brothers and sisters. They are, Ernest R. Eldredge, Portland, Ore.; Horace R. Eldredge, Carson City, Nev.; Mrs. T. R. Genter, Brussels, Belgium; Harold D. Eldredge, Milan, Italy, and Mrs. Lee G. Richards, Paris.

The body will be brought to Salt Lake for burial.

Instinct Saves Coal Miner When Big Roof Cracks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Long experience in the coal mines enabled W. H. Morris, a 63-year-old retired coal mine manager of Buckhannon, W. Va., to escape from the Knickerbocker theatre disaster.

He was in the eighth row from the front," he said, "when I heard a crack, a sort of ripping sound, exactly like that which the slate roof of a coal mine makes when it is about to let go. It was more instinct than anything else that brought me to my feet with one thought flashing through my mind: 'I can beat that fall to the outside.'"

"As I came into the aisle, I saw the orchestra leader's baton, waving with the music above his head, and coming down above his head. Then I ran up the aisle, with the roof cracking and falling. As I got to the door, the stuff above my head came down like a wind from behind which literally flung me through the door and across the lobby into the sidewalk."

"I was no different from the others who were in the house around me was practically empty."

Four Members of Family Are Killed; Only Boy Escapes
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Four of the five members of the family of Oscar G. Kanston, Chinese theatre owner, who lived in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster, Kanston, who came here recently in connection with some temporary work for the bureau of veterans affairs, and his two daughters, Helen, 13, and Anya, 11, and his son, Grant, 11. Only the boy escaped.

Hero Gives Life That Others in Ruins Might Live
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Many brave deeds were reported by rescuers working in the Knickerbocker theatre wreckage, but they said Albert G. Buehler, of Kansas, was the outstanding hero, giving his own life that others might live. He could have been taken from the debris fully an hour before he was but he directed the rescuers to aid others whom he declared more seriously hurt than he. He died soon after he was removed.

Lieutenant V. M. Parson, of the marine corps, who assisted in directing

Two Small Girls Found Asleep in Theatre Wreckage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Sleeping peacefully beneath the debris in the wrecked Knickerbocker theatre, two girls, four and six, were found Sunday by rescuers, 10 hours after the roof had fallen. Apparently neither was badly hurt. They were taken to a hospital without identification.

Four hours earlier a five-year-old girl was found unhurt, seated between the bodies of two women. Her fall had evidently been saved by her falling between the seats and the protection given her by the two bodies. The last person to be taken from the ruins was Dr. Scott Montgomery, of Washington, who was rescued 12 hours after the roof collapsed. He was trapped by his legs underneath a beam which killed the young women he had escorted to the theatre.

His condition was extremely serious.

Wyoming Student, Leader of Legion on Roll of Dead
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 30.—W. B. Sammon, one of those killed in the Knickerbocker theatre in Washington, was deputy state treasurer of Wyoming when he resigned last summer to attend Georgetown university in Washington. He also had been one of the leaders in the American legion in this state. He was a son of J. W. Sammon, of Kemmerer, Wyoming.

So Much Sorrow Harding Calls Off Reception
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Declaring "there is so much of grief in the nation today," President Harding today announced postponement of a re-

SHANTUNG CASE ABOUT SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Further indications that a settlement of Shantung controversy was imminent developed today where the Japanese and Chinese delegations were called together to resume their conversations.

Every day the Shantung problem previously has been settled except details of the Tsingtao-Taiwan railroad settlement and resumption of the negotiations was taken to mean that the two groups were ready to again take up discussion of the railroad question.

WILLING TO CONCEDE.
At the same time, a call was issued for a meeting late in the day of the naval committee of fifteen, presumably to discuss the Japanese reply on fortifications which is the only feature of the five power naval treaty remaining uncompleted.

The Chinese, it was said, would be willing to grant the Japanese contention for Japanese experts with full title as traffic manager and chief accountant but would ask the Japanese to agree that these officials should be subordinate to the Chinese managing director, who on all Chinese railroads has authority over the traffic manager.

Members of the Chinese delegation indicated that the prospect of a settlement of the vexing railroad problem was based to some extent on advice lately received by them from Peking. It was thought in Chinese circles that the Japanese probably would meet the Chinese halfway in reaching an agreement on the basis of some modification of the Japanese proposal urged upon the Chinese delegations last week.

IDAHO TO RECEIVE LIVESTOCK LOANS
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Formation of a livestock loan company for handling the financing of sheep and cattle in Oregon and Idaho will be undertaken shortly as a result of conference of western bankers with the war finance corporation. It was announced today by Managing Director Eugene Meyer.

W. B. Powellman of Baker, Ore., Mr. Meyer said, has been discussing the livestock needs of Eastern Oregon and southern Idaho with the corporation with an authorized capital of at least \$250,000 to take care of the needs of these states.

PACKERS TEST CASE.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Chief Justice Taft announced today that the case from Chicago, brought to test the constitutionality of the packers and stockyards act of 1921, would be advanced for argument on March 28.

Fompey collected 600 lions for a single festival exhibit.